

House File 705 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON REBUILD IOWA
AND DISASTER RECOVERY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 180)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning community safe rooms and storm shelters in
2 newly constructed public buildings.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1728HV 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 103A.7, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. Standards for community safe rooms and
1 4 storm shelters.
1 5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 103A.8C STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY
1 6 SAFE ROOMS AND STORM SHELTERS.
1 7 The commissioner, after consulting with and receiving
1 8 recommendations from the department of public defense, the
1 9 department of natural resources, and the rebuild Iowa office,
1 10 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A specifying standards
1 11 and requirements for design and construction of community safe
1 12 rooms and storm shelters. In developing these standards, the
1 13 commissioner shall consider nationally recognized standards.
1 14 The standards and requirements shall be incorporated into the
1 15 state building code established in section 103A.7, but shall
1 16 not be interpreted to require the inclusion of a community
1 17 safe room or storm shelter in a building construction project
1 18 unless such inclusion is expressly authorized by another
1 19 statute, by another state agency by rule, or by a federal
1 20 statute or regulation. However, if a community safe room or
1 21 storm shelter is included in any building construction project
1 22 which reaches the design development phase on or after January
1 23 1, 2010, compliance with the standards developed pursuant to
1 24 this section shall be required.

1 25 EXPLANATION
1 26 This bill requires the state building code commissioner to
1 27 adopt rules specifying standards and requirements for the
1 28 design and construction of community safe rooms and storm
1 29 shelters. The bill provides that the standards shall be
1 30 incorporated into the state building code but that the
1 31 standards shall not require the inclusion of a safe room or
1 32 shelter in a building construction project unless authorized
1 33 by another state law or agency rule, or by federal law or
1 34 regulation. The bill does provide that the standards shall
1 35 apply to any safe room or shelter that is included in any
2 1 building construction project which reaches the design
2 2 development phase on or after January 1, 2010.
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